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11. Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Denisa Frelichova at the UN and International Organizations Department at MFA. Frelichova said that postponing final action on the UN budget (option A in reftel) is a "red line" for Slovakia and the EU. She said Slovakia's team in New York has a wide mandate to agree to almost any other option, and said a rollover of the budget with a minimal increase is Slovakia's preferred option. She added, however, that a seven percent increase is probably less than can be agreed given the cost of new mandates the UN Secretariat has been given in the last year. OBSITNIK